

Urgent matter!! need options for Jim Martin to meet with BLM (one week time frame)

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Hello,

I was approached by Martin Hestmark about an upcoming meeting between Jim Martin and the BLM regarding a potential listing of the animas. For about 5 years now FLMAs have been hesitant to support listing sites. Martin Hestmark is looking for examples/suggestions of how to do things differently once the site is listed to gain BLM support for placement on the NPL and wanted me to include you. If we can put together workable options, it may allow us to move forward with FLMA/mixed ownership sites that need Superfund.

Background:

The complaints from FLMA's have generally been that they don't like the oversight costs and EPA telling them what to do. I think other concerns may have to do with Docket/FF agreements which may not be necessary at mixed ownership sites. Someone will have to provide insight on that part.

We considered, before listing the Flat Creek IMM site in Superior MT (formerly Superior Waste Rock), to have a pre-listing MOU with USFS to determine roles and responsibilities in advance of listing. We never ended up pursuing this completely, but the USFS did seem receptive to this concept.

What is needed/deadline?

Need an options paper with workable solutions (not what we can't do, but what we CAN do) for Martin Hestmark/Jim Martin in one week. If we can put something workable together, this could begin to relieve the listing bottleneck at mixed ownership sites that are currently just sitting.

I will be calling each of you to discuss this and then put a plan together from there.

Thank you!

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